GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:431
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2003
RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORT OF RAW MATERIALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are certain restrictions on the import of raw materials used in the marble industry in the country whereas the finished goods have been exempted from the import restrictions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the licences have been issued to only some institutions for importing raw material on the basis of their past performance;

(d) if not, the facts in this regard;

(e) whether the Government have received requests for removing restrictions on all the imports and exports concerning the marble industry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 431 ANSWER ON 22nd AUGUST, 2003 REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORT OF RAW MATERIALS

(a) to (f) The restrictions on the import of finished products such as Marble titles were removed on 1-4-2001 as such restrictions could no longer be justified on ground of `Balance of Payment`.However, the restrictions on import of Rough Marble Blocks and slabs were continued and their imports are allowed subject to the guidelines contained in Policy Circular of Directorate General of Foreign Trade dated 14-03-2002. Such restrictions on imports and exports under the Exim Policy can be adopted and enforced on the principles of restrictions listed in Para 2.6 of Exim Policy.

A number of representations have been received from Industries Associations as well as from individual parties for the removal of the restrictions on import of Rough Marble Blocks.After duly considering the representations and in consultation with the concerned Ministries, it has been decided to maintain status quo in this regard.